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**Contents and Value of Packages are**  
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ight will be received on board until 4 P.M.  
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Peking, 10th December, 1888. [3]  
FOR NEW YORK.  
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"RAPHAEL,"  
Master, shortly expected, will load  
the above Port, and will have a quick

Freight, apply to  
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**CYLINDRICAL TUBULAR GUN-  
BOAT'S BOILERS, 150 H.P. each, with  
tested to 150 lbs. to the square inch;  
suitable for a vessel about 670 tons or  
very suitable for driving stationary**

4 CORNISH BOILERS 10 ft. long by 6 ft.  
2 water, double riveted, with 4 Galway's  
TUBES in each, with 1 Large STEAM  
ENGINE, 2 Horizontal and 2 Vertical  
1 Steam FIRE ENGINE BOILER  
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PLANING MACHINE, 1 EMERY TOOL  
CR. 8 BOXES TAPS and DIES, 1 GAP  
8 inch Centre, 8 feet bed, 2 DRESSING  
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Driving Machinery with SHAPING and  
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LATE BENDING and STRAIGHTENING  
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This Time Table will take effect from  
June, 1888.

Leave Pridda	Leave Hawker	Leave Hawker
1.30 P.M.	6.30 A.M.	1.45 P.M.
2.00 "	7.00 "	2.15 "
2.30 "	7.45 "	3.00 "
3.30 "	8.15 "	4.00 "
4.15 "	9.00 "	4.30 "
4.50 "	9.30 "	5.10 "
5.25 "	10.00 "	5.40 "
6.00 "	10.30 "	6.15 "
6.45 "	11.00 "	7.00 "
7.15 "	11.30 "	

There will be no Lunch on Monday and  
a account of cooling.  
The Time Table will be strictly adhered  
under unavoidable circumstances. In  
cases of weather, due notice will be  
my stoppages [29]

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In Shao-ching a large bird seems to have been shot of the height of a man; so the rumour goes, weighing nine enties, and with a bill over a foot long. Wonders will never cease!

A man addicted to gambling runs through his money, and necessity, the mother of invention, urges him to forge an I.O.U. for an amount alleged to be due by the father of a well-to-do man in Canton. The forgery was, however, brought to light in good time.

Two young men were seen going about in mourning clothes in the city. They gave out in piteous terms that their father being abroad and having no means to meet the funeral expenses

oil, and that the rest is nothing but water.  
Extracts from the *Peking Gazette* and from  
foreign papers fill up the rest of to-day's paper.

THE YELLOW RIVER.

The Peking Gazette of the 21st ult. contains lengthy despatches on the state of the Yellow River, and proposals how to avert future breaks in the embankments. Wu Tse-tsun is mentioned as having been lately troubled with the Yellow River in Houan, from being incapable of remedy, is really due to the want of a proper method of treatment. The present system of raising embankments is a makeshift, and is not in accordance with the principle of policy, and what is really wanted is the construction of breakwaters to divert the current, and save the embankments from being worn away by repeated floods. The plan is to construct a new channel of the River. Officers who have had the longest experience in connection with river works all agree in asserting that in the early years of the reign of the present Emperor the Yellow River and its waters of this kind existing in the Hainan section of the River. The main volume of the water flowed at a considerable distance from the embankments, and was separated from them by great spaces. The breakwaters were in times of danger strengthened by fascines, but very little labour had to be expended on the embankments. For a number of years past the stone breakwaters have been neglected, and the water has been allowed to encroach more and more on the embankments. The more fascines have been employed to protect the banks the more have been required, and repairs have been required in the same proportion. The fascines are used in no other. In 1897 an officer named Tsoukang moved over to these stone breakwaters, and in the following year the breach at Hainan occurred. The water was allowed to flow straight on into the river, and his name is still held in abhorrence in the province. The breach was closed up, but why no steps were ever taken to restore the old stone breakwaters was not understood. Further breaches of considerable extent recently occurred at the same place, and 30 days of rain did very little in repairing them. The officials and the people are now wiser, and will not do much with fascines, but these were somewhat put down that they were swept away by the violence of the current, and there was no resource left. The memorialist then states that he had been three times to the river, and before they had reached a height of more than one or two feet a diminution of the violence of the current was distinctly visible. In spite of this, the officials had not been able to find any good plan, and held that stone breakwaters

They were not suited for a sudden emergency. Ta-cheng: then went on to state that he intends to restore these breakwaters to the state for the use on this dam, allow him to proceed with the work in question. He specifies a number of places where such breakwaters are absolutely required for the protection of the city of K'ai P'ang-fu. He expresses a hope that the Government will be able to construct them. He says that the river is so full of stones that it is not possible to construct them. If he has a sufficient quantity he will use stones exclusively, but if they prove insufficient he will use bricks to supplement them. He does not say whether the Government will allow him to use bricks. He says that he will be willing to accept any kind of treatment will cure the disease but it will necessarily make it better than if it had been allowed to go on without any treatment at all. In a Receipt which happened to the same day, Wa Ta-cheng is contradicted by the moralists on the suggestions contained in his memoranda.

A further report by Wa Ta-cheng does coincide with the excavation of the Canal to increase the water, and the construction of a grain elevator on the Canal. The work on the Canal was shut up on the 18th October to keep out the water of the River, and so secure a bed for the prosecution of the work of excavation. The dam was finished on the 24th October. The work of excavating the Canal will be carried forward for a distance of considerably over 1,000 chong, divided into 20 sections. The construction of the grain for diverting the water was commenced on the 26th October, it is still being carried out. The work of excavating the Canal is being carried out by the Workers' Sub-committee, and its direction being towards the mouth of the canal. Steps have been taken to secure a large supply of millet stalks, and it is reported that the Chinese Government has passed laws which require the collection of such stalks, and as regards the state of things is such as to afford general satisfaction.

**THE REPORTED RUSSIAN ROBOTE TUPORATED IN KOREA.**

In reply to a telegraphic enquiry, the Japanese Government has been informed that there is truth in the report that Korea had agreed Russian protection. It is reported that Li Hung-chang, replying to the request of the Korean King for the assistance of the Japanese Government in the struggle against Russia, he would con-

on condition that Mr. Denny also retired from Japan Gazette.

The Chinese Times says:—"The report of the London Times, announcing the Russian protectorate over Korea, was connected in Russia, as is well known, an intention to decide. We will no doubt hear more of the matter." These same paper says that Mr. Denny will after conference with Mr. Taotai, return to Korea. It is whether for a short or long term, our contemporary does not yet know.

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COCHIN-CHINA.

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SAIGON.

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[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

SAIGON, 11 December, 1888

Monday, 10th November, was the date of the reopening of the Colonial Council. It has been an old custom that the Governor should be present at the first meeting of the Council, and this time was given to the ceremony. At nine o'clock on Monday afternoon a flag of national colours was drawn up in the Rue Lagardette and a detachment of Marines filled the balcony of the Council Chamber, the Hotel de la Colonie. Soon the sound of trumpets and the strains of the Marseillaise announced the arrival of M. Richaudeau. The head of the colony arrived in open carriage, drawn by four white horses, and took the form of the Commissariat. Among his numerous decorations he wore the Grand Cross of the Royal Order of Cambodia.

M. Richaudeau, preceded by M. St. Colombe, Elie, Director of the Colonies Service, took his seat on an elevated platform in the presence of the high functionaries of all the different services of the colony and proceeded to read a long and somewhat tedious report on the political and financial affairs in the colony. He said the situation was grave, but not desperate, and he proposed a loan of 100 million francs to be contracted by Tonquin and to be guaranteed by Cochinchina. He said that the colony was indebted amounting to about six millions. Thus the Governor hoped to save five millions, as the contribution of Cochinchina towards the expenses of Tonquin have been fixed at eleven millions, and the colony would be able to pay the interest, as approved by many, though not generally, but with a man like M. Richaudeau at the head, it is to be hoped that the long-looked-for riches of Cochinchina may soon be able to pay the interest on the loan, and so for the completion of public works in Tonquin are redeemable at the rate of 10 millions of francs per year after the first two years. Our countrymen will be glad to hear that the colony has \$7,000,000—receipts and expenditures will thus have the benefit of the 5 millions saved, and let us hope the era of charges may be passed now.

M. Elanchau was again elected president of the Council, and the Governor said that he thought that assembly will show how the proposition of the Governor may be put into effect.

This evening is the first great ball of the season at the Grand Hotel. The ball of the previous season *Saphire* has been delayed, probably for that reason, till to-morrow (2nd) night.

The weather is now a little cooler, and but a little rain is falling.